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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

For: FERMENTATIVE PRODUCTION OF VALUABLE COMPOUNDS ON AN

ART UNIT 1654

INDUSTRIAL SCALE USING CHEMICALLY

DEFINED MEDIA

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated June 15, 2004, for which a shortened-two-month response is due on August 15, 2004. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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